

Hawaii MARINE SPORTS

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Oscar SolaVega, a team leader with 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, performs a gramby while trying to escape a half-nelson that is held by Michael Brightmon, an electrical engineer with Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, during the All-Marine Wrestling Clinic held Tuesday evening.

All-Marine wrestling is here

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Sports Editor

All-Marine sports — what other job in the Marine Corps allows its members to earn a paycheck while traveling around the world, and playing a sport they love? But, to earn this privilege, you have to work hard all the time, and never give up. This is the stern belief of Dan Hicks, the All-Marine Wrestling Team coach, who came here this week to find the best wrestlers, male and female, in the Marine Corps and bring them to MCB Quantico, Va., for the All-Marine Wrestling Camp try outs in February.

“We are looking for Marines that have wrestled before and are willing to work hard,” said Hicks. “I think we have been missing a lot of Marine wrestlers over the last few year, so now I am trying to find them during this road show.”

Hicks explained no one should be afraid to try out for the team; the



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Dan Hicks (bottom), All-Marine Wrestling Team coach, demonstrates a number of different escapes during freestyle wrestling, with the help of James Shillow, a wrestler on the All-Marine team.

worst that could happen is they have to try again next year.

“These wrestlers do not need to be state champions or anything like

that, they just need to have athletic ability, high goals in wrestling, a strong work ethic, and be willing to do whatever I say,” said Hicks. “You

don’t even need to have a ton of experience, we just want Marines who will work hard. If they are willing to do that, we can mold them.”

According to Hicks, the wrestling clinic was not the official tryouts for the team; it was more like an introduction to generate interest.

In December, Headquarters Marine Corps will release a message for interested wrestlers to submit a package for the team. Those interested must fill out a package and turn it into the Varsity Sports Coordinator Steve Kalnasy, at the Semper Fit Center.

“At the camp those Marines eat, sleep, and live wrestling,” said Kalnasy. “Not to mention, they are representing our base and the Corps, so they have to be top notch Marines.”

Once the packages arrive in Quantico, Hicks will choose who will try out in February at the camp.

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Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

Ronnie Bustemante, a scout sniper for 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, tries to outrun his naval opponents during the Hawaii Armed Forces Soccer Tournament, Tuesday at Hickam Air Force Base.

Marine team shuts out Sailors, 3–0

Cpl. Megan L. Stiner
Combat Correspondent

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii — The MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, base soccer team won their second game of the Hawaii Armed Forces Soccer Tournament, Tuesday, at Hickam Air Force Base against the Naval Pearl Harbor base team by a score of 3–0 to remain undefeated in tournament play.

Coming off a 2–1 win against the Hickam Air Force Base team,

See SOCCER, C-5

Outlaws crush Raiders 26–2

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The Combat Service Support Group 3 Outlaws took no mercy on the Camp Smith Raiders during Monday’s intramural football game at Pop Warner Field as they demolished them with a final score of 26–2.

Last year’s intramural champions, the Outlaws, proved although this year started out a bit differently, they intend to keep their winning reputation alive. This was their second game of the season due to many of the players participating in the Hawaii Combined Arms Exercise on the Big Island. In their first match-up this season, Sept. 8, the Outlaws lost to the 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment Bulldogs by a score of 19–8.

“Coming back from not playing in more than a month just gave my team more intensity and eagerness to get out there and play,” said Outlaw’s Head Coach Fredrick Smith. “They played great though. This year they feel they have something to prove since they were the champions of last years season.”

Right from the get-go the Outlaw offense, led by quarterback Ezekiel Winchester and running back Nick Chapman, displayed their dominance on the field by quickly moving the ball within goal territory. With one yard to go, cornerback Evan Williams and the rest of the Raiders defense dug down deep and held the Outlaws for as long as



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Clifton Shackleford (left), dominated the field as the Raiders top offensive player, although he gained numerous yards throughout the game, his drive and ambition were not enough to bring a win to the Raiders and the Outlaws ended up winning the game by a mighty score of 26–2.

they could. With one play left, Outlaw’s James Richardson snuck the ball up the middle to put the first points of the game on the board. The defense did manage to block the extra kick to hold the score at 6–0.

The first play for the Raiders offense

led to a turnover as Clifton Shackleford fumbled the ball on the first carry and the Outlaws recovered and took possession of the ball.

It seemed apparent the Outlaws had

See FOOTBALL, C-5

Marine cross country runners place 4th

Third trial for MCB Hawaii running team scheduled on Nov. 4

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Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay hosted the University of Hawaii Coed-Sprint Invitational Saturday at the Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course which displayed the talents of college athletes as well as Marines involved in the base cross country team.

The Hawaii Rainbow Wahine women’s team dominated the 4-kilo-meter race, placing five runners among the top seven finishers. The men’s 5k race was captured by Brigham Young University, which also had the top male and female finisher from both race; Chelsea Smith with a time of 14:24, and Jacob Rushton with a time of 16:17.

The Marines had enough runners to house a men’s Marine team, which placed fourth overall in the men’s competition.

“This was a really good experience,” said Marine team competitor Andrew Atterberry. “This was my first cross country race ever and to compete against college athletes was a lot of fun.”

Three female Marines also ran in the race. The Marine runners competed for a place on the base cross-country running team, which is comprised of five male and three female runners.

Those who make the final team will compete as members of the MCBH Kaneohe Bay team and travel to other bases on the mainland to represent MCB Hawaii.

“Our team did well, I feel really good about how [the meet] turned out,” said Atterberry, who joined the team because fellow teammate, Brandon Himmell told him about it. “We seem to get more participants on the team everyday too, so it is a really good program and we have a good time.”

This was the second of three trials to be held on base to determine the team members. The final trial is scheduled for Nov. 4.

BASE SPORTS

October

Today

Register Now For Youth Basketball — From now until the end of October, register your child for Youth Basketball. The season runs January through February, and hosts leagues for ages 6 through 17 years. Practice begins in December. The registration is \$40 for Youth Activities Members, and \$50 for nonmembers. A photocopy of a military ID or a birth certificate is needed for registration. Call Youth Activities at 254-7610 or 254-7611 for further information.

Youth Basketball Coaches Needed — Be a youth sports team mentor through Youth Activities sports programs. Youth Activities is actively looking for interested coaches for their Youth Basketball season that runs from November to January. If you are interested, call Youth Activities at 254-7610 or 254-7611. Youth Activities Manana is also looking for interested volunteer coaches for their sports, fitness and recreational leagues. Call 456-1662.

30 / Saturday

1st Splash and Dash Biathlon — The Splash and Dash will begin at hangar 101, at 7:30 a.m. on the pad. A 500-meter swim kicks off the biathlon, followed by a 5-kilometer run. The event is open to the public. The entry fee for the event is only \$15 and includes a race tee shirt. There is a \$3 late fee per runner after today, so register now at the Semper Fit Center, building 3037. You can also register on race day, but are not guaranteed a race shirt. Packet pick-up upon registration will be held on Oct. 28 and 29, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Semper Fit Center as well. Awards will be presented to the top three finishers overall, both men and women, as well as the top three in the following age categories: ages 19 and under, 20 – 24, 25 – 29, 30 – 34, 35 – 39, 40 – 44, 45 – 49, 50 – 54, 55 – 59, 60 and above. Contact MCCS Athletics at 254-7591 to register.

November

4 / Thursday

MCB Hawaii Cross-Country Running Team Trial — This is the final try-out for the MCB Hawaii

Cross Country running team. It will be conducted in conjunction with the University of Hawaii's 5000-meter cross-country run at the Klipper Golf Course, to be held on Nov. 4 at 6:30 a.m. Marines and Sailors interested in trying out for the five-man/three-woman team must register with the Varsity Sports Coordinator no later than Nov. 3. Call MCCS Athletics at 254-7590 for further information.

26 / Friday

3rd Annual Turkey Burn Off — Work off those holiday calories at the 3rd Annual Turkey Burn Off, to be held from 9 a.m. until noon at the Semper Fit Center here. This Aerobathon not only benefits you, but the Toys For Tots charity. The entry fee is a new wrapped toy as a donation. Contact the Semper Fit Center at 254-7597 for more information.

Ongoing

Gone Fishin' — Join Mahalo Kai Fishing Charters for a day beyond the bay. Located at the base marina, the charter contractor has two different boats to accommodate all of your fishing needs. Check out its newest boat, the Bill Collector, built for charter fishing at its finest and most comfortable. Call 254-7667 for more information.

Inexpensive, Fun Entertainment — Look no further for economical entertainment, as Mondays through Thursdays, all E-5 and below can receive free rental shoes and discounted games at only \$1.50 a game. This discount is good for open play, and does not qualify for tournaments, leagues or unit functions. Call the K-Bay Lanes now to get the spin at 254-7693.

Color Pin Special — Every Wednesday, roll a strike when a colored pin is in the head-pin position, and win up to three free games of bowling. All patrons are welcome to this deal. If you make the play, you win.

Parents for Fitness — This cooperative baby-sitting effort is available at the Semper Fit Center, for children ages 6 weeks and older. All active duty service members and their families may participate; however, PFFP participants are required to volunteer baby-sit three times per month. Call 235-6585 for more information.

Paintball Hawaii — Near the Lemon Lot, by the intersection of Harris Road and Mokapu Road lays Paintball Hawaii. Shoot over for the great deals and have a blast. Cost is only \$25 per person, and the fee includes one air refill, equipment and the field fee (paint is extra). Players can purchase paint at the field from \$45 – \$50 for a case of 2,000 balls. The field is open on weekends from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 265-4283 for Friday appointments.

Junior Lifeguards — The base pool is currently offering Junior Lifeguard instruction for the youth at MCB Hawaii. Let your kids enhance their skills and abilities in the water, plus gain confidence and experience that can lead to a job. Contact the base pool at 254-7655.

Take the Plunge — Wet your feet and beat the heat at any one of four MCCS pools that serve your swimming demands. Splash to the Kaneohe Bay main pool at building 981, the Hilltop Pool at building 502 (for O' Club members only), the Camp Smith pool at building 125, or the Manana Housing

Semper Fit Center classes and times

- Monday 8:45 a.m. – Step 2 It 11:45 a.m. – Gut Cut 4:45 p.m. – Spinning 5:45 p.m. – Cardio-Kick 6:45 – Pilates
- Tuesday 6 a.m. – Spinning 8:30 a.m. – Muscle Conditioning 9:45 a.m. – Yoga 11:30 a.m. – Spinning 6:30 p.m. – Step & Tone
- Wednesday 6 a.m. – Skills & Drills 8:45 – Step 11:45 a.m. – Gut Cut 4:45 p.m. – Spinning 5:45 p.m. – Cardio-Kick 6:45 – Pilates
- Thursday 6 a.m. – Spinning 8:30 a.m. – Muscle Conditioning 9:45 a.m. – Yoga 11:30 a.m. – Spinning 12:30 – Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. – Step & Tone
- Friday 6 a.m. – Unit PT (Space is limited) 8:45 – Step 2 It 11:45 a.m. – Gut Cut 4:45 p.m. – Spinning 5:45 p.m. – Pilates
- Saturday 7:45 a.m. – Spinning 9 a.m. – Step & Tone

pool in building 840.

Massage Therapy — Massage therapy, by certified massage therapists, is available at both Kaneohe Bay and Camp Smith. The massage therapy program will help relieve your mental and physical fatigue and improve your overall circulation and body tone. For more information or to make an appointment, call the Kaneohe

Bay Semper Fit Center at 254-7597, or Camp Smith at 477-5197.

Okinawa Kenpo Karate — Every Tuesday and Thursday, join MCCS Youth Activities' contractor for Kenpo Karate Kobudo classes, held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in building 1391, behind the 7-Day Store. Everyone is welcome, and costs are \$35 for adults, \$25 for children. Call 254-7610, for more information.

Intramural Tackle Football Schedule

(All games take place at Pop Warner Field at 6 p.m.)

Monday — 3rd Radio Bn. vs. CSSG-3
Wednesday — 1/12 vs. MAG-24
Thursday — 3rd Marines vs. Camp Smith

The season has taken off, so come out and support your team and have some fun!



Ezekiel Winchester

Unit: Supply Company, Combat Service Support Group 3
Billet: Warehouseman
Hometown: Yonkers, New York

- Winchester became interested in the sport at the age of 9, because in the area where he grew up “it was the thing to do.”
- He participated in both junior varsity and varsity football in high school.
- He also competed in the Florida State Football Championships while he was in high school.
- This is his second year as the CSSG-3 quarterback during the intramural season. He also plays baseball for CSSG-3 and has been active in flag football the previous two years.

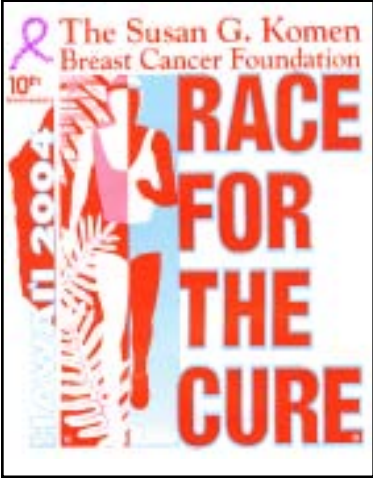


COMMUNITY SPORTS

Race for the Cure, Sunday

The 10th Annual Komen Hawaii Race for the Cure will kick off at 7 a.m., Sunday, at Kapiolani Park. More than 7,000 male and female runners and walkers are expected for this coed 5K (3.1 miles) race and a 1-mile fun walk/run. More than 450 breast cancer survivors are expected to turn out. There will be a survivor recognition ceremony prior to the race and survivors will receive pink T-shirts and hats. Pink “In Memory Of” and “In Celebration Of” back signs will be available for all entrants who wish to recognize family members and friends who have been touched by breast cancer. The top three finishers in the 5K Run and the male and female top three finishers in the 16 age divisions will receive awards. Entry forms are available at area fitness and running stores, hospitals, and select grocery stores. Packet pick-up and pre-registration will be held on the five days prior to the race, visit www.raceforthecurehawaii.org/race.htm for locations and times. Individual entry fees are \$30 on race day (5-6 a.m.). All participants will receive an official Komen Hawaii Race for the Cure T-shirt.

HTMC to Hike Halawa, Sunday Adventurers should meet at Iolani Palace at 8 a.m. for this 14-mile advanced, ridge hike. This is a favorite trail to the Koolau summit that's long on mileage, high on elevation gain, strewn with downed trees and rife with native plants and good views. A \$2 donation is requested for each non-member, age 18 or over. A responsible adult must accompany children under 18. Bring lunch and water on all hikes and wear sturdy shoes and clothing. Firearms, pets,



radios and other audio devices are prohibited on hikes. Check out the HTMC Web site at www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Trails/3660, or call hike coordinator Ken Suzuki at 845-4691 for detailed information.

Turkey Swim, Nov. 21 Ala Moana Beach Park will be the site of a 1000M and 2000M Turkey Swim Nov. 21 at 8:30 a.m. Call 536-3556 for details.

Friends of Kailua High School to Host 5K The Friends of Kailua High School, composed of students, faculty, parents, alumni and other supporters, is sponsoring a 5K fun-walk/run on Nov. 14. The event kicks off at 7 a.m. at the Kailua High School gym located at 451 Ulumanu Drive in Kailua. Proceeds from the event will go to the high school's Computer Academy. Entry fees for the race are \$19 with a T-shirt, \$10 without a T-shirt. Entry forms can be found in the Athletes Hawaii magazine, available at sporting goods stores or at Kailua High School. Online registration can be done at www.active.com. Registration will also be accepted starting at 6 a.m. on race day. Call Ann Higashi at 266-7900 or Ed Kemper at 524-0330 for more information.

Harlem Globetrotters Tickets on Sale Tickets are on sale now for a Nov. 30 appearance by the world-famous Harlem Globetrotters. The show begins at 7:30 at the Blaisdell Arena. The show is part of the Trotter's current Asia-Pacific tour. The Globetrotters are the world's most popular basketball team. They have performed before more than 120 million people in 117

countries since their first game in 1927. Tickets are priced at \$35 for courtside and side risers, \$25 for risers and \$15 and \$10 for upper levels. Special discounts apply for children 12 and under, seniors 65 and older and those with a military ID. Discounts are \$3 off \$35 and \$25 tickets and \$2 off \$15 and \$10 tickets. There is also a 10-percent discount for groups of 20 or more. Tickets are available at the Blaisdell Box Office and all Ticketmaster locations, including Times Supermarkets.

State Offers Outdoor Education

The Hawaii Department of Land & Natural Resources is offering education classes for the public. Subjects covered include firearms and archery safety, survival and first aid, wildlife identification and conservation, regulations, game care and outdoor responsibility. Attendance at two sessions is required for certification, and classes are open to anyone 10 years or older who enjoys the outdoors — not just hunters. The next two-day session is Nov. 5 from 5:45 to 10 p.m. and Nov. 6 from 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. in classroom A-212 at the Nimitz Business Center, 1130 N. Nimitz Hwy. (Drive up the ramp to the classroom, which is the first room on the right.) A picture ID is required for entry to the sessions. For more information about outdoor education, or to sign up for this course, call 587-0200 or visit www.hawaii.gov/dlnr/Welcome.html.

Bellows Offers Adventure Programs

Whether you are spending a few weeks or just visiting for the day, check out any of the following weekly Bellows Outdoor Adventures programs. For more information, call Turtle Cove at 259-4121 anytime from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Bring bottled water and sunscreen for outdoor activities.)

- Saturdays at 8 a.m., Morning Paddle:** Take the

guided kayak tour to the Mokulua Islands, which offers the opportunity to see birds up close in their natural habitat. Advanced skill level is required.

- Saturdays at 1 p.m., History Tours by van:** Learn about and see significant historical landmarks on Bellows Air Force Station.
- Sundays at 8:30 a.m., History Tours by bike:** Ride into off-limits areas on mountain bikes for an extensive seven-mile, three-hour, guided tour of Bellows AFS. Day rental of bikes and helmets is included. Wear closed-toe shoes.
- Mondays at 8:30 a.m., Hike to Makapuu:** Take a moderate 2.5-mile roundtrip hike to the Makapuu Lighthouse. Wear closed-toe shoes.
- Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m., Lei Making:** Pick your own flowers to use in making beautiful lei and enjoy ancient Hawaiian folk tales and stories.
- Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m., Bikram's Yoga:** Gain a sense of well-being and good health in this Indian-style form of yoga, which features 26 postures and two breathing exercises.
- Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:30 a.m., Snorkeling Tour:** Discover the magnificent underwater world of the ocean at a nearby, undisturbed reef. Transportation, instruction and snorkeling equipment are included.
- Wednesdays and Thursdays at 1 p.m., Kayaking Lessons:** Master ocean-kayaking skills including water safety and efficient paddling techniques in this two-hour class.
- Thursdays at 9 a.m., Beach 101:** The whole family can attend this fun class.
- Fridays at 1 p.m., Bodyboarding Lessons:** Learn how to catch and ride the waves. Free day rental of boogie board is included.

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The Bottom Line

(Editor’s Note: “The Bottom Line” is the **Hawaii Marine’s** weekly sports commentary from two sports aficionados who rarely see eye-to-eye when it comes to America’s one true obsession — sports. Chances are you’ll either agree with one of their takes or disagree with both. The **Hawaii Marine** welcomes your e-mails of no more than 250 words. We will print the top comment of the week from our readers. Send “Readers Strike Back” comments to editor@hawaiimarine.com. Remember, “**If you don’t speak up, you won’t be heard.**”)

Where do the Patriots rank in history?

Sgt. Joe Lindsay
The Goat

“Et tu, Goat?”
— The Professor

These were the words spoken by The Professor moments after the Goat committed the equivalent of journalistic securities fraud by divulging the inner most feelings the Professor has about the New England Patriots 20-game winning streak.

You won’t know it by his column this week, but in his heart of hearts, the Professor really doesn’t give much credence to what the Pats have accomplished.

That’s because he measures all streaks, regardless of sport, against the 103-game unbeaten streak posted by the University of North Carolina Women’s Soccer Team from Sept. 30, 1986 – Sept. 17, 1990. Also, during the span from 1986 – 1994, as the Professor so often reminds people, the Lady Tar Heels won nine consecutive NCAA titles.

So, it is against the backdrop of one man’s love for NCAA women’s soccer that the Goat must compete with in discussing the Patriots recent ownership of the longest winning streak in NFL history.

First off, the accomplishment is a great one, in and of itself. It does little good to compare

what the Patriots are getting done on the football field today with the 1921 – 23 Canton Bulldogs (won 22, tied 3) or the 1972 – 73 Miami Dolphins, who went undefeated during the 1972 season en route to Super Bowl VII glory before losing the second game of the 1973 season to the Oakland Raiders, thus ending their 18-game run. The Dolphins still managed to win Super Bowl VIII, just without the added pressure of a streak.

Winning streaks are nice, but the true measure of greatness is not found in streaks, it is found in rings. Just ask the 1916 New York Giants baseball team, who went an MLB record 26 straight games without a loss, only to finish fourth in the National League, or the 1992 – 93 Pittsburgh Penguins, who despite winning an NHL record 17 straight games that year, failed to win the Stanley Cup as they had the previous two seasons, sans streak.

Bottom Line: The Patriots are a great team, and winning 20 in a row is a nice accomplishment. But that’s all it is — nice. If they want to be bad, they’ve got to win the Super Bowl for the third time in four years. Then, and only then, will they be truly historical, on par with the Dolphins and Steelers of the 70’s, the 49ers of the 80s, and oh yeah, Professor, the 1986 – 1994 North Carolina Women’s Soccer Team.

Capt. K.D. Robbins
The Professor

Isn’t it pathetic? In a city where Harvard, Sam Adams and chowder pollute the minds of America’s intellectuals, baseball reigns supreme to the NFL. Anyone who didn’t watch the Red Sox – Yankees series is merely not watching television. Alas, the Red Sox remain the fiercest competition for the Super Bowl Champion, now longest NFL win-streak (20) record-setting New England Patriots.

Yes. The “streak” is impressive.

Yes. Tom Brady is a teenage heartthrob.

And yes. Bill Belichick has led this team into history.

However, he hasn’t done ANYTHING, short of winning 20 in a row, to include a Super Bowl yet. Champion standards are high:

For example, Concord De La Salle’s 151-game win streak: From 1991-2004, the streak spanned 12 perfect seasons, 12 California state titles. This program single-handedly put the high school “National Championship” on the map.

John Wooden knows best. His UCLA basketball program dominated college basketball, winning 10 national titles in 12 years from 1964 – 73, including seven in a

row from 1967 – 73.

In college wrestling, two programs reign supreme: Oklahoma State and Iowa.

The Cowboys have won 32 national championships since 1928, including seven in a row from 1937 – 46 while the Hawkeyes, led by legendary coach Dan Gable won 18 titles between 1978 and 2000, to including nine in a row from 1978 – 86.

Finally, the fact that the Goat overlooked Penn State Fencing is inexcusable. In only 15 years of NCAA National Fencing Championship existence, the Nittany Lions have won nine titles, including a run of six in a row from 1995 – 2000.

Bottom Line: Take the 1979 – 1980 Philadelphia Flyers. Does anybody remember that they won 35 games in a row? No.

We remember that despite a dominant lineup, to include “The Rifle” Reggie Leach and Brian Propp, they fell to the Islanders in the Stanley Cup Finals.

So, until the Pats weather the 16-game regular season, one playoff game, an AFC title game against Peyton Manning and the Colts and win another Super Bowl, they remain just another hot team that competes for headlines in their own city — tough crowd.

Readers Strike Back

“I would prefer to see an article on the Houston Texans or Dallas Cowboys than a movie review. ...”

Dear Bottom Line,

Who should I believe, the Professor or the Goat when it comes to “Friday Night Lights?”

Why should I believe either of them? I would bet anything neither of them are from Texas. I grew up in Texas and I don’t need some sports column to tell me what it’s like on Friday nights in the Lone Star state. I’m telling you the state revolves around high school football.

I am planning on going to see the movie, but not based on The Bottom Lines’ recom-

mendation. Movie critics really do me no good. People have got to make their own opinions.

My opinion is this is probably going to be a great movie since it is covering a part of the United States that is the true heart of our country.

Also, how come the Professor can’t be more original? “Thumbs Up” he says. Gee, where did he ever come up with that one. But even worse was the Goat telling his readers to read the book?

I haven’t read a book since I was forced in

high school and even then I read the Cliff’s Notes so I’m not going to start now.

I would prefer to see an article on the Houston Texans or Dallas Cowboys than a movie review about something people from Texas know all too well.

Maybe it was a good article if you come from Connecticut or Rhode Island, but remember “Don’t mess with Texas.”

*R/S
Florencio Bermudez
El Paso, Texas*

Warriors edge by Bandits 8–6

Cpl. Megan L. Stiner
Combat Correspondent

In one of the most anticipated games of the season, the Headquarters Battalion Warriors slipped by the Marine Aircraft Group 24 Bandits with a score of 8–6 at Pop Warner Field Oct. 14.

The dynamic offensive two-some of quarterback Kevin Martin and cornerback Gearold Provence helped to lead the Warriors to yet another victory over the Bandits for a nearly flawless record this year.

The first play of the game enabled Provence to bestow upon the Bandit offense the first of many challenges he would present throughout the night as he intercepted a long pass from Bandit quarterback Dan Lee.

Although Tyrone “Major” Payne and the rest of the Bandit’s defensive line easily held off the Warrior offense until they were forced to punt, the first play had already foreshadowed the Bandits upcoming loss.

Once the Bandit offense took the field again, they came back with a vengeance. Lee, running back Calvin Wheelous and the rest of the offensive line, wasted no time moving the ball up the field and gaining numerous first downs. It wasn’t long before running back Mike Hershfelt drew close enough to make a statement by breaking through the middle of the Warrior defense for the first touchdown of the game.

“We started the game off sluggish and it seemed like we weren’t in the right state of mind,” said Warriors Coach Shawn Jones. “MAG-24 is a good team and thankfully we woke up before it was too late.”

The Warriors gained control of the ball one final time before the end of the first quarter. They managed to snap out of their stationary rut to travel a ways up the field with a newfound momentum that would continue to thrive throughout the game.

But not before the Bandit defense crippled their spirits a few more times. The first play of the second quarter, the Warriors struggled to get a first down pass off only to find the ball in the hands of a Bandit defender.

With an all out battle of pride and bragging rights taking place, the team’s energy and dominance continued to bounce back and forth between both offensive and defensive teams on both sides of the field.

Martin continued to sneak precious yards for the Warrior offense as Payne and the Bandit defense disassembled many of their passing and running plays. In response, the Bandits offense capitalized on running plays while the



Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

The Headquarters Battalion Warriors faced off against the Marine Aircraft Group 24 Bandits in one of the most anticipated football games of the season.

Warrior defense continued to force turnovers on long pass attempts through interceptions and deflections.

Although both teams played very well, there was a continuous distraction throughout the game that may have led to a couple of key mistakes. Headquarters Battalion’s Company Gunnery Sergeant Douglas Peercy, a colorful member of the Warriors fan gathering, added to the excitement as he tried to become familiar with how to play the trumpet.

The teams played a fairly good-natured game except after one play in the second quarter, which ended with team members nearly being dragged off the field. But that adrenaline boost only added to the intensity of the game as the half grew nearer.

With less than two minutes remaining in the half, Matt Baughman intercepted the ball to put it back into the hands of the Warriors.

Martin quickly gained a first down, and then was brought back a few yards as he was sacked on the second play. The Warriors momentum picked right back up, as they moved the ball toward their goal. After a penalty on the defense, the Warriors were close enough to pass to Provence with the hopes of a goal. With four seconds left in the half, he ran it in, adding six more points to tie the score 6–6.

The first big play of the second half happened when Warrior lineman Kenneth Croft intercepted the ball in the first minute of play.

“It was a hard fought game. Both defenses played very well and controlled the game. Good for us that our defense made one more big play than theirs did,” said Warrior Head Coach Avis Tolliver. “This was a big game to both units and we knew we had something to prove. Hopefully we did just that.”

The Warriors failed to capitalize on the pos-

session as a combination of Payne and penalties kept the offense from moving up the field.

Once the Bandits gained possession, the game took a twist of fate as the Warriors managed to add two more points from a safety onto their side of the scoreboard. Although there was still one whole quarter left, that score remained on the board for the rest of the game.

Both teams juggled possession of the ball in the final quarter as the defensive teams on both sides held the offensive teams stationary.

The Warriors sideline even began to cheer on their fellow defensive members by shouting “defense” until the time ticked away and they began their victory celebration.

“The second half of the game was all defense. We made a couple of adjustments and our defense made plays,” said Jones. “Our defense forced MAG-24 to make mistakes which resulted in us winning the game.”

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FOOTBALL, *From C-1*

not played a game in a while as they were bombarded with penalties and continuously failed to pass to eligible receivers, make hits before the play ended and remain still until the play began. But that didn’t stop them from scoring yet again before the end of the first quarter as tight end Matthew Flores, walked the ball in backwards adding yet another six points to the board. This time the offense didn’t give the Raiders a chance to block a field goal; Winchester instead went straight for the two-point conversion and added an additional two points, bringing the score to 14–0.

With less than a minute left on the clock, the Raiders took over. Shackleford nearly single handedly carried the ball up the field before being stopped just a few yards away from the end zone. But with 30 seconds left they were forced to send out their defense as the Outlaws gained control of the ball.

It was only a matter of time before the Raiders caught a break. As the Outlaws look for a long pass, the Raiders capitalized on their position with a sack in the end zone by strong safety Curtis Clouser led to the Raiders scoring a two-point safety. The only points they would score for the rest of the game.

The halftime score was 14–2 in favor of the Outlaws, not a huge gap, but enough to give the Raiders doubts as the second half of the game began.

If it wasn’t bad enough for the Raiders already, one of the first plays of the second half led to their starting quarterback, Daniel Turner, being

carried away on a stretcher. And the odds against the Raiders coming back were now more unlikely than ever.

The first carry for the Outlaws ended up being the longest run of the game as Chapman took the ball 51 yards down the field to nearly score a touchdown. It took only one more play to seal the deal as Winchester brought another six-points to the Outlaw score. They tried again for the extra point, but failed to increase the lead leaving the board at 20–2.

When all hope was beginning to fade, Shackleford ran a 20-yard punt return to bring the Raiders’ spirits up. The following play led to an interception by Outlaw defender Marvin Walker, but a penalty on the play led to the Raiders keeping possession of the ball. The Raiders’ good luck was short lived as Walker nearly made another interception before a fumble finally gave the Outlaws possession of the ball.

The fourth quarter gave way to a toss-up of possessions as fumbles and interceptions became as common as passes and tackles.

The first big play of the quarter came as Winchester tossed a quick pass to Chapman, who broke through the Raider defense and into the end zone, but as the night would have it, a penalty prevented the score from rising. The Outlaws capitalized on one final chance to put the ball in the end zone, but failed to make the two-point conversion.

“We did make mental mistakes, but you’ll have that when you don’t have a lot of time to practice,” said Smith. “We are looking forward to the rest of the season though and we can only get better.”

SOCCER, *From C-1*

the Marines wasted no time displaying their dominance on the field against the Navy during the first minutes of game play. They quickly moved the ball up the field to attempt a goal. Although they were unsuccessful a few times, the dynamic duo of Jason “Ski” Januskiewicz and Tom Callahan, managed to eventually put the ball into the net. On top of his goal, Januskiewicz would go on to assist in two more points before the game was over.

The Navy team performed with confidence and agility, but their skill was no match for K-Bay, who easily gained control of most high kicks and throw-ins.

“I felt confident coming into the tournament,” said Marine Head Coach Andy Gasper. “We may not play the best soccer in the world, but what we do works for us.”

During a direct kick by the Navy team, the Marines utilized a technique known as “the wall” where four team members would position themselves side by side to block the Navy’s angle of scoring. The strategy proved successful and resulted in the Navy missing the net high and to the left.

The Navy team was issued one yellow card during game time, but even their fouls were no match for the Marines team, which ended up receiving two red cards on top of a couple yellow cards.

“We ended up being down two players on the field because of fouls, but that didn’t stop our team from coming on strong in the sec-

ond half and scoring two more goals,” said Gasper. “The loss of the players didn’t have an effect on the team, they just came on with more intensity and aggressiveness, which is our team’s strongest advantage.”

The Marines scored their second goal early in the second half. Januskiewicz and Callahan yet again dominated the action, but this time Januskiewicz assisted in the play by heading the ball to Callahan for the easy goal.

The Navy did come close to a goal a couple of times; one attempt missed the net by less than a foot.

With that near goal on the minds of the Marine team, they solidified their lead by scoring their third and final goal of the game. Januskiewicz made a name for himself as a key player for the Marines when he assisted yet another goal, this time to Erik Moreno.

The Navy’s offense and defense seemed to come to life more in the last few minutes of play than they had the entire game. They hit the goal post to nearly score, and then blocked a corner kick by performing “the wall” against the Marine goal attempt.

The final display of intensity was not enough to bring home a win or even a tie for the Navy though. The Marine team left the field with a second win in tournament competition play.

“We intend to win the entire tournament,” said Gasper. “We are the only undefeated team so far, so we have a good chance. With two starters out because of red cards though, it will be a real test of guts.”

WRESTLING, *From C-1*

“It gets really tough out there at tryouts because there are Marines coming from everywhere. That is why I want Marines who will work hard,” said Hicks.

The team itself wrestles all around the world, against anyone who wants to wrestle.

“In a couple of months I am taking a few of my wrestlers to Finland and Sweden,” said Hicks. “Some of them will also get to go around Europe, Cuba, and parts of Russia. You name it, we go there.”

The team also wrestles in the U.S. Nationals in Las Vegas, and the All-Armed Forces Championship.

If they win in the All-Armed Forces Championship, then they will continue on to the Conseil International du Sports Militaire, the International Sports Council Championships. Hicks explained it is like the U.S. All-Star Team.

“Last year, we had four Marines make Team USA, which means we were the top four in America,” said Hicks. “We also finished runners-up in the Armed Forces Championship.

“But, if we would could go out and find the best wrestlers the Corps has to offer, I believe we have the best team in the country and make it all the way to the top.”

Last year, one of the team’s members was an Olympic alternate, proving if the Marines are willing to work hard for this team, they can really go far.

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